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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT SITUATION IN ERITREA
NECESSITATES CLOSE LOOK AT ADVISABILITY OF REDUCING
AMERICAN PRESENCE IN ASMARA.

2. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD NOW BE PRECIPITOUS TO INSTRUCT
DEPENDENTS TO LEAVE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ANY DEPENDENT
WHO WISHES TO DEPART SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM

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DOING SO. THE EMBASSY, CONSEQUENTLY, IS AUTHORIZED TO

FACILITATE THE DEPARTURE OF DEPENDENTS WHO WISH TO
LEAVE ASMARA. WE WILL BE FORWARDING NECESSARY
ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

3. DUE TO POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN ANY USG
DECISION TO FACILITATE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF OUR
OFFICIAL PRESENCE, ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE HANDLED IN LOW-KEY,
MATTER-OF-FACT MANNER. REDUCTION SHOULD BE TREATED AS
ROUTINE AND YOU SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT UNDUE

ATTENTION OF GOE IS NOT DRAWN TO DEPARTURE OF DEPENDENTS.
WE ARE DOING THIS AS STRICTLY A PRECAUTIONARY STEP
AND IT IMPLIES NO CHANGE WHATSOEVER IN OUR POLICIES AND
ATTITUDES TOWARD GOE. DOD CONCURS. KISSINGER

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